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EVENTS

Audioconference: Paid Time Off Is Taking Off

CLASP

Jodie Levin-Epstein, deputy director of CLASP, will moderate Paid Time Off Is Taking Off, an audioconference with guest Leonard Sanicola from World at Work on Thursday, July 1 from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. ET. The audioconference will highlight findings of World at Work's new study on Paid Time Off (PTO), and explain why employers who use this system value it and how PTO affects workers across different industries. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

The Benefits and Costs of the Section 8 Housing Subsidy Program: A Framework and First-Year Estimates

Institute of Research on Poverty

The Section 8 housing voucher program serves nearly 2 million low-income families in the United States. The purpose of the program is to enable low-income families to improve the quality of their housing and to move to better neighborhoods. Voucher recipients seek housing in the private rental market, and use the voucher to subsidize their rent. In this paper, the authors provide estimates of the social benefits and costs of the Section 8 housing subsidy program. The authors find that the Section 8 program meets the efficiency standard of positive net benefits. For society as a whole, total benefits (measured in annual, per recipient units) range from about \$7,700 to \$9,600, while total costs are about \$7,000; net benefits range from about \$650 to \$2,800 per recipient case per year. The social benefit-cost ratio ranges from 1.1 to 1.37. The bulk of the benefits are experienced by voucher recipients, while other members of society bear the bulk of the costs. The authors conclude that the program meets the efficiency standard of welfare economics. [Learn more...](#)

Ready For Kindergarten? A Review of State Practices

Child Trends Research Update

Every year, more than three million children enroll in a public kindergarten program, according to the U.S. Department of Education. Research has shown a significant achievement gap already exists between low-income children and their more affluent peers at kindergarten entry. To improve long-term academic outcomes, increased attention is being given to supporting and assessing school readiness and identifying successful, evidence-based programs in early childhood that can ensure a more even start at school. [Learn more...](#)

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